Mr. G. Nilakantan (*Co-opted*): The subject of having a regulation for a community has been in the minds of the people for the last 19 years. In the Sri Mulam Assembly requests were made to the Government several times to enact a law, but the Dewan-President said that if a member of the community would submit a draft rule, the Government would consider it.

President: I do not think it is necessary, having regard to the number of times that the title, the preamble and all the sections have been discussed almost threadbare, to go into the question again. Here is a Bill coming up for second reading and there are no amendments and the honourable member may therefore confine his remarks to a general survey.

Mr. G. Nilakantan: This Bill was under consideration in the Second Council for 2 years and was under consideration in this Third Council for one and a half years. During all these years, not a single amendment has been brought forward. In the circumstances, and in justice to all parties concerned, I would request the honourable House to take up the consideration of the Bill instead of again postponing it indefinitely.

The motion was put and carried.

The question that clauses 1 to 40 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 40 were added to the Bill.

Mr. M. Govindan: I move that this Act may be called the Travancore Kammala (Viswakarma) Act of 1121.

Mr. G. Madhavan: I second it.

The question that the title and preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The title and preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. M. Govindan: I move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. G. Madhavan: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE PARTITION BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I beg to move for leave to introduce the Travancore Partition Bill for the kind consideration of this House.

The suits for partition—movable and immovable—also include in certain cases the question of house sites also. Under the existing Civil Procedure Code, the Courts have no power to prevent the decay.....

President: This follows the British Indian enactments.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I request the House to consider the Bill.

Mr. M. Govindan: I second it.

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Secretary: The short title of the bill shall be "The Travancore Partition Bill."

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the following:—

Messrs. 1. M. Govindan,
2. K. A. Raman Pillai,
3. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai,
4. M. K. Velu Pillai,
5. Sahib Bahadur K. Shahool Hameed,
6. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai,
7. Sry. P. Thankamma,
8. G. Revi Varma,
9. M. Sultan Mohideen,
10. K. S. Joseph,
11. Myself (G. Narayana Aiyar),
12. M. K. Mackar Pillai, and
13. D. Krishnan Potti.

Mr. M. Govindan: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE VARNAVA BILL.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: I beg to move for leave to introduce the Travancore Varnava Bill.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: I second it.

Mr. K. A Raman Pillai: I am sorry that I have to oppose the Bill. The Bill is now sought to be introduced by Mr. Narayana Panicker who sometimes ago vehemently opposed the introduction of such communal legislations. I was so much impressed with his view-point that even now it is difficult for me to shake off the impression that he created in my mind although some time has elapsed by now. If legislation is going to be enacted for every community, sect and sub-sect, it seems to me that our Statute Book will be over-burdened with such communal legislation.

Mr. G. Revi Varma: May I know the number of people belonging to that community?

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: I have absolutely no idea of the number of Varnavas. As a matter of fact, the statement too does not give the number of people who come under the category of Varnavas.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Can the honourable member say who are the Varnavas?

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: It is also my difficulty. The definition given in the Bill is by enumeration. I do not think it gives a clear exposition of the connotation of the term "Varnava."

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